

Amendments to the Specification:

In the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3, "unbounded" has been replaced with "un-banded".

In the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6, beginning with, "Fig. 2, illustrates" has been revised to replace indicia "20a" with "20A" in lines 2, 5, 6 and 11 to conform to the Drawings; in line 7 of this paragraph, indicia "13a" has been replaced with indicia "34"; and in line 8, after "respectively", insert the words "in Fig. 2". These changes make this paragraph conform to the revised Fig. 2 of the drawings as later indicated.

In the first full paragraph on page 9, in line 8, after "method", delete "of" and insert "to".

Replacement Paragraphs

The paragraph, beginning on page 2 and bridging pages 2 and 3

The system of the invention for retaining full or partial stacks of lumber free from or remedial of warpage utilizes several frameworks designed in rectangular or square shapes with an open interior periphery designed to support regular or irregular stacks of lumber as it is being removed for sale from the ~~unbounded~~ un-banded stacks of lumber stored under compression force.

The paragraph, beginning on page 5 and bridging pages 5 and 6

Fig. 2, illustrates warpage controller 35, which consists of framework 20 and framework 20a 20A, which are identical with each other, linked together by spacer 37 to maintain a pre-selected separation according to the boards in a particular stack as to their length and extent of any warpage. Optional rollers 38 are provided on frameworks 20 and 20a 20A, respectively, which provides mobility to warpage controller 35. Frameworks 20 and 20a 20A each have force actuator 36 mounted in tops 32 and force actuator 33 mounted in side posts 13a 34, respectively, similar to force mechanism 18 and force mechanism 27, respectively, in Fig. 2, except hand wheels 39 replace heads 23 of screws 19 for applying force on flat members 22 and 31 and in turn onto a stack of lumber when it is positioned within and between frameworks 20 and 20a 20A.

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As lumber from lumber stack 83 is sold by a lumber retailer or use by a consumer a few boards at a time, board layers s, t and u become irregular and to avoid or correct

warpage, filler members c are positioned within frameworks 87 as in Fig. 6 such that the remainder of lumber stack 83 may be compressed. The filler blocks preferable are scraps of the same lumber or of suitable other materials or compatible lumber like hardwood with hardwood or pine with pine. Further, various stacks of different size lumber may be mixed to take advantage of the method of to avoid or correct warpage (see Figs. 3 and 5).